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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE HIGH ENERGY GENERATOR

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1. A RECAP OF THE FULL HISTORY FOLLOWS.

2. IN JULY 1976 DRS. LORENZO GORINI AND MASSIMO PUGLIESE (ITALIAN NATIONALS) ADVISED SCICOUNS OF ALLEGED MAJOR BREAK-THROUGH IN ENERGY GENERATION AND TRANSMISSION. SCICOUNS VIEWED VIDEO TAPE OF SYSTEM IN OPERATION. SUBSEQUENTLY, A VIDEO TAPE OF A TEST WITH AFIN FURNISHED SAMPLES WAS VIEWED WITH AF PHYSICIST. THE VIDEO TAPE WITH A PROPOSED CONTRACT AND THE SAMPLES WERE THEN SHIPPED TO AFIN. REPORTS FROM WASHINGTON VARIED FROM ACCEPTANCE OF POSSIBLE MAJOR TECHNOLOGICAL AD-VANCE TO ASSERTION OF FRAUD. IN MID-SEPTEMBER AFIN REQUESTED SIMPLE LIVE TEST WITH FOUR AMERICAN OBSERVERS PRESENT. DRS. GORINI AND PUGLIESE INDICATED ASSENT BUT THE PRINCIPALS DID NOT. INSTEAD THEY PROPOSED THROUGH A TECHNICAL PRINCIPAL TO HAVE A WRITTEN PRELIMINARY COMMITMENT FROM THE U.S. SUBJECT TO COMPLETE SATISFACTION OF TEST RESULTS BY THE FOUR OBERVERS. WHILE THE AF WAS CONSIDERING THIS ACTION, THE PRINCIPALS ACQUIRED THE SERVICES OF MATTHEW TUTINO, FORMERLY EXEC V.P. OF EXIM BANK TO REPRESENT THEM IN WASHINGTON. MR. TUTINO WAS ADVISED TO OFFER U.S. OPPORTUNITY FOR A LIVE DEMONSTRATION
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OF THE DEMOLITION OF A SATELLITE, TANK AND/OR MOVING ANIMAL

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AS WELL AS ANY CONTROLLED SAMPLES. NO RESPONSE HAS BEEN RECEIVED TO DATE. ON SEPTEMBER 27 TWO FINANCIAL PRINCIPALS VISITED SCICOUNS TO OBTAIN COMMITMENT THAT THE SYSTEM WOULD NOT BE USED FOR WEAPONS DEVELOPMENT. THE PRINCIPALS WERE PIETRO PARETTA, AN ITALIAN, AND SILVANO LESDI, A SWISS. THEY ACCEPTED THE STATEMENT THAT SCICOUNS COULD NOT COMMIT THE UNITED STATES IN THIS OR ANY OTHER ASPECT OF THE PROPOSAL.

3. COMMENT: EMBASSY PREPARED TO CONTINUE PRESENT ROLE, MODIFY OR TERMINATE IT IN ACCORDANCE WITH INSTRUCTIONS FROM DEPARTMENT. VOLPE

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